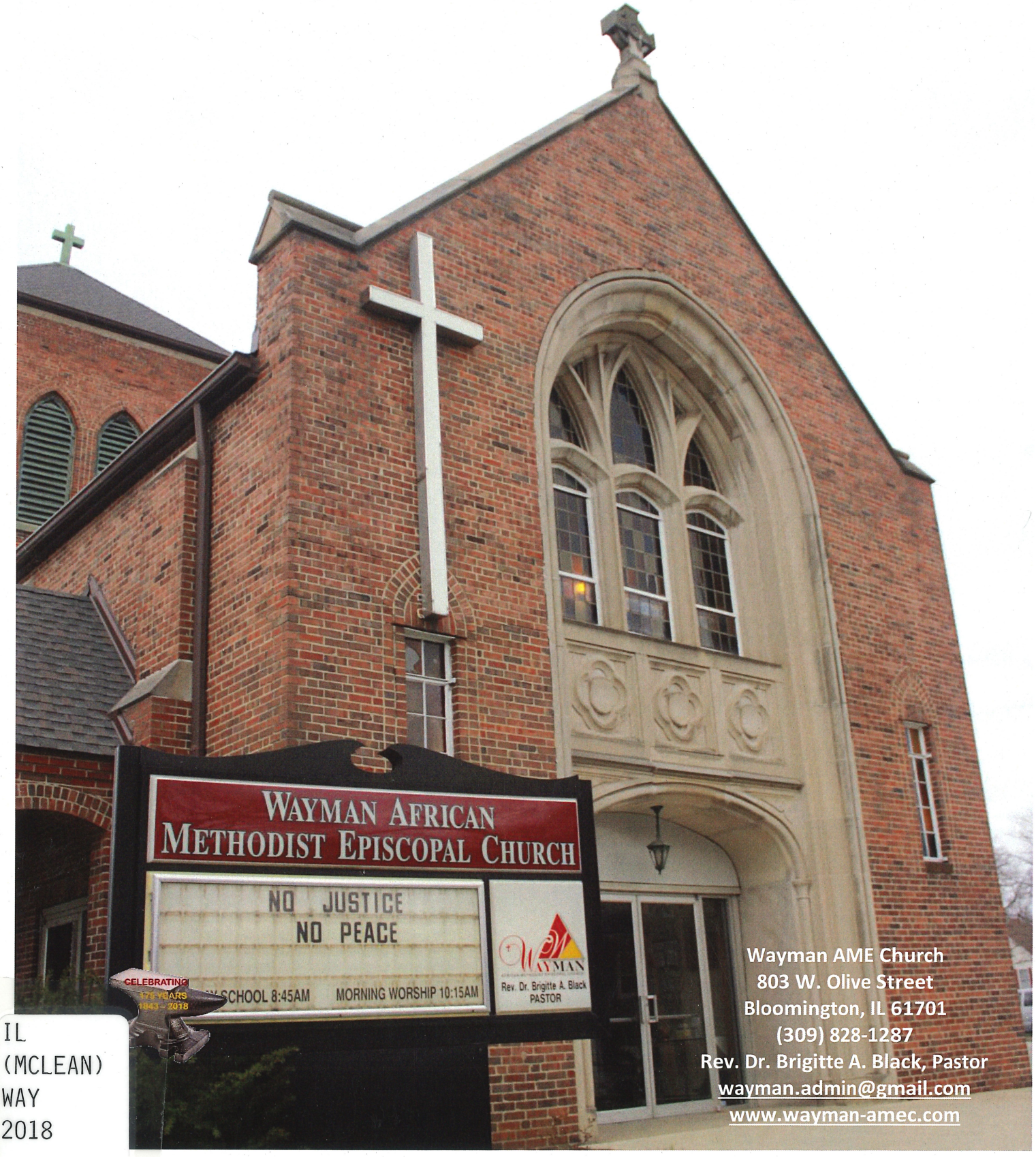
A 175 Year Jubilant Journey in Bloomington, McLean County, IL.



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WAYMAN
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are on a "Jubilant Journey" that has covered 175 years of ministering in McLean County. We are a church in the heart of the city developing a heart for the city. The Word of God has been a lamp for our path. Our God has been with us every mile of the journey and has promised never to leave or forsake us. We are grateful.

It has not been without a struggle but we have leaned into the Lord for strength and direction. Ministering to the whole person, spiritually, socially, emotionally, and physically is our mission. We are an anchor of hope and beacon of light in a dim world.

We encourage you to develop your relationship with Jesus Christ to sustain you on difficult days. We are living in turbulent times thus we have focused our most recent community efforts on social action, getting our neighbors registered to vote, hosting listening sessions and campaign forums so that we are informed when we go to the polls. We have engaged the community and schools in restorative practices. We desire all to be the best they can be.

I invite you to get to know Jesus Christ to comfort, guide, and provide. Our doors are open to all who come. May God's blessings overtake you!

Peace and productivity,

Reverend Dr Brigitte A. Black

MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY
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Greetings from the Souvenir Journal Committee

This has truly been a jubilant journey. The 175th Anniversary Committee would like to say thank you to all the patrons and saints who participated with us in this journey. See I am making a way in the wilderness and I am doing something new. That is just what God did for each of us. Our committee included Reverend Dr. Brigitte A. Black, Sis. Sharla Ajayi, Sis. Leontyne Golden, and Sis. Cynthia J. Carter. Each of these ladies of faith allowed God to show himself strong and guide them in the preparation of this jubilant celebration.

During this celebration, we had a Garage Sale sponsored by the Steward Board and Mrs. Cleo Peterson was the chairperson; hosted Voter Registration; had our Annual Block Party; held pep rallies; participated in a Bowl-A-Rama; provided a keepsake Souvenir Journal in which members solicited ads; planned and participated in a Sankofa Celebration. The Sankofa Celebration was to honor, remember and learn from our history to guide our planning for the future. Our Jubilant Journey celebrated our love of the Lord and our culture and culminated with an Anniversary Service featuring Reverend Robert Harvey.

Who can beat God? We rely on Him, We trust Him, and We thank Him for all He has done and will continue to do in our lives and in the Bloomington community. Amen!!

Fourth Episcopal District of the
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BISHOP JOHN FRANKLIN WHITE, PRESIDING PRELATE

Conferences: Canadian • Chicago • Illinois • India • Indiana • Michigan

Congratulations!

Blessings to The Rev. Dr. Brigitte A. Black and the members of Wayman AME Church in Bloomington, IL

Congratulations as you celebrate your 175th Year Church Anniversary. May you continue to be blessed by your faithfulness throughout the generations as you work to build God's Kingdom. We pray that God's Light will shine brightly upon you as you grow and advance in service to His People.

Bishop John and Supervisor Penny

Mrs. Penny Hartsfield White
Episcopal Supervisor

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Wayman's History

Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church

1843 – Present

Reverend Paul Quinn was assigned the task of expanding the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the western states in 1836. While on this journey he became closely associated with the Underground Railroad. Not only did he establish churches and schools; they became stops on the Underground Railroad. When he reached Bloomington, IL he found some visionary and energetic African Americans ready to establish a place of worship and education in 1843. Moses Bird, a grave digger; Joseph Hobson, a man of means; and James Hill, who co-operated a barbershop, founded the African Methodist Education Society and Church. On January 16, 1847 the deed for the land was secured for the sum of $20.00 and a small frame building was erected at a cost of $300.00.

The first pastor in 1843, was Reverend P.H. Ward, a grocer in the community. The church had 20 members. In 1850, the school teacher was twenty-one-year-old Matilda E. Davidson. In 1855, an itinerant circuit rider named Austin Woodford became the pastor with 50 members. The original building was moved to a side lot and used as the parsonage in 1859. That same year a new church was built at a cost of $3000. In 1860, the school was under the supervision of Miss English. In 1866, there were 40 pupils. For the first twenty years, the African Methodist Education Society was the only African American church in the community. The new church building was expanded in 1871 and the membership had grown to over 100. Reverend C.S. Jacobs became pastor in 1879.

Reverend Charles Spencer Smith was appointed pastor of the African Methodist Education Society in 1880. Reverend Smith believed that racial uplift was through religious education. He set up a printing press in the basement of the church and published the "***The Jubilee Gem***" along with the Sunday school literature for the denomination. Reverend Smith developed a plan for universal Sunday School Literature for the African Methodist Episcopal Church that was adopted by a special Bishop's Council in 1882. This was the humble beginnings of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School Union, which was later moved to Nashville, TN. The Reverend Charles Spencer Smith graduated from Meharry Central Tennessee College Class of 1895 – 1896 as a medical doctor. The Reverend Charles Spencer Smith was a minister, writer, and great debater. He possessed great oratorical skills and rhetorical eloquence. Reverend Charles Spencer Smith was elected and consecrated a Bishop in 1900 and served for 22 years

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The Jubilee Gem.

Vol. 3. No. 3. JUNE, 1885. Published Quarterly.

AN EXERCISE FOR CHILDREN'S DAY

FOR USE IN THE Sunday Schools of the A. M. E. Church.

First Part.—At the usual hour for morning service, a sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Duty of Parents to Children." Text, Ephesians 4:6

Second Part.—3:30 p. m., the Children's Jubilee, with the following as the order of exercises:

1. Singing. No. 1 Anniversary Hymn.
2. Prayer.
3. Singing. Selection by the school.
4. Responsive reading. Psalm 145:1-6.

Pastor. I will extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name forever and ever.

School. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name forever and ever.

Pastor. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

School. One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

Pastor. I will speak of the glorious honor of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

School. And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts; and I will declare Thy greatness.

Pastor. They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

School. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

All. The Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works.

5. Recitation of the Apostles' Creed.
6. Singing. No. 2.
7. Introductory remarks by the superintendent. Time, five minutes.
8. Essay. Subject, "Duty of Parents to Children." Time, ten minutes.
9. Singing. Selection by the school.
10. Discussion. Subject, "Shall Lesson Leaves Take the Place of the Bible in the Sunday-school?" Two speakers; five minutes each.
11. Singing. No. 3, "In the Blessed Bible."
12. Essay. Subject, "Missionary Work Among Children; How best Conducted." Time, ten minutes.
13. Singing. No. 4, "Revive us."
14. Discussion. Subject, "Can we Teach Children the Doctrines of the Church Without the Use of the Catechism?" Two speakers; five minutes each.
15. Singing. Selection by the school.
16. Essay. Subject, "The Need of Faithful Teachers." Time, ten minutes.
17. Singing. No. 5, "Put on the Christian armor."
18. Closing address by the pastor, or some one appointed.
19. Collection for the benefit of the Sunday-School Union.
20. Singing. No. 6, "Farewell."

SUGGESTIONS.

1. Strive to make the day a grand success. 2. Select suitable persons to carry out the literary part of the programme. 3. Let each school endeavor to raise a cents for every person present. 4. Seek to get every other person to do the same. 5. Let the people be prompt in meeting, and stick to the programme. 7. Decorate with flowers, banners and mottoes. 8. Let the money collected be forwarded at once to the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith, Bloomington, Ill., who will receipt for the same, and publish the entire list in the Annual Record. 9. In no case is the money to be retained and reported to the Annual Conference, neither is it to be reported as "Missionary money." 10. It should be remembered that we are not responsible for Children's Day money taken to the Annual Conference, and when it is we very seldom get it. Please bear this in mind, and send the money direct to us as the General Conference ordered. 11. In order that we may be able to make up the full reports as soon as possible, we urge that the collection be forwarded to us immediately.

Arranged by REV. C. S. SMITH, Cor. Sec'y of the Constitutional Sunday-School Union of the A. M. E. Church.

The Reverend Charles Spencer Smith began publishing *The Jubilee Gem* from Bloomington, Illinois in the 1880s. The paper served A.M.E. Churches across the nation and is still published in Nashville, Tennessee.

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In addition to the Kennedy's, Ms. Caribel Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Howard and Elaine Bell were a few other African Americans who were part of the Bloomington Normal Black History project. Mrs. Caribel Washington was a pioneering trailblazer. She was one of the first black female employees at State Farm, starting as a janitor and retiring as a secretary in 1979. While at State Farm, she was the voice calling for more minority employment and equal opportunities for minorities. She worked with others offering night classes to improve minorities' skills that led to hiring minorities in every area of corporate. She was an avid student of African American history and began researching and writing about the Bloomington-Normal African American community. This led to her founding the Bloomington-Normal Black History Project in 1982, whose mission was to preserve and promote the Black History of the twin-cities through programs, speakers, archaeology digs, oral histories and the preservation of family artifacts. All of this information and the Black History Project is housed at the McLean County Museum.

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On September 11, 2016, history was made when Bishop John Franklin White, Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District, assigned the first female pastor to Wayman AME Church, Reverend Dr. Brigitte A. Black. The church is in the heart of the city developing a heart for the city. On March 10, 2018, The Illinois State Historical Society officially recognized the religious, cultural, civic, and moral heritage of Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church as a Illinois Sesquicentennial Church. A new furnace was installed in the church. The church is embarking on a project that involves major repairs to the infrastructure, plastering and painting the sanctuary, kitchen, and classrooms and tuck pointing.

This is the history of Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church's Jubilant Journey. On October 21, 2018 Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church will celebrate 175 years on this Jubilant Journey.

God's Blessings Upon

Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church

For

175 Years of Ministry

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." *1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3 NIV*

Presiding Elder Tyson J. Parks
First Lady Pearly Parks
Illinois Conference-North District

RICHARD ALLEN
Founder and First Bishop
African Methodist Episcopal Church
https://www.ame-church.com/

The AMEC grew out of the Free African Society (FAS) which Richard Allen, Absalom Jones, and others established in Philadelphia in 1787. When officials at St. George's MEC pulled blacks off their knees while praying, FAS members discovered just how far American Methodists would go to enforce racial discrimination against African Americans. Hence, these members of St. George's made plans to transform their mutual aid society into an African congregation. Although most wanted to affiliate with the Protestant Episcopal Church, Allen led a small group who resolved to remain Methodists. In 1794 Bethel AME was dedicated with Allen as pastor. To establish Bethel's independence from interfering white Methodists, Allen, a former Delaware slave, successfully sued in the Pennsylvania courts in 1807 and 1815 for the right of his congregation to exist as an independent institution. Because black Methodists in other middle Atlantic communities encountered racism and desired religious autonomy, Allen called them to meet in Philadelphia to form a new Wesleyan denomination, the AME.

The geographical spread of the AMEC prior to the Civil War was mainly restricted to the Northeast and Midwest. Major congregations were established in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Washington, DC, Cincinnati, Chicago, Detroit, and other large Blacksmith's Shop cities. Numerous northern communities also gained a substantial AME presence. Remarkably, the slave states of Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, Louisiana, and, for a few years, South Carolina, became additional locations for AME congregations. The denomination reached the Pacific Coast in the early 1850's with churches in Stockton, Sacramento, San Francisco, and other places in California. Moreover, Bishop Morris Brown established the Canada Annual Conference.

The most significant era of denominational development occurred during the Civil War and Reconstruction. Oftentimes, with the permission of Union army officials AME clergy moved into the states of the collapsing Confederacy to pull newly freed slaves into their denomination. "I Seek My Brethren," the title of an often-repeated sermon that Theophilus G. Steward preached in South Carolina, became a clarion call to evangelize fellow blacks in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Texas, and many other parts of the south. Hence, in 1880 AME membership reached 400,000 because of its rapid spread below the Mason-Dixon line. When Bishop Henry M. Turner pushed African Methodism across the Atlantic into Liberia and Sierra Leone in 1891 and into South Africa in 1896, the AME now laid claim to adherents on two continents.

While the AME is doctrinally Methodist, clergy, scholars, and lay persons have written important works which demonstrate the distinctive theology and praxis which have defined this Wesleyan body. Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett, in an address to the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions, reminded the audience of the presence of blacks in the formation of Christianity. Bishop Benjamin T. Tanner wrote in 1895 in The Color of Solomon – What? that biblical scholars wrongly portrayed the son of David as a white man. In the post-civil rights era theologians James H. Cone, Cecil W. Cone, and Jacqueline Grant who came out of the AME tradition critiqued Euro-centric Christianity and African American churches for their shortcomings in fully impacting the plight of those oppressed by racism, sexism, and economic disadvantage. Today, the African Methodist Episcopal Church has membership in twenty Episcopal Districts in thirty-nine countries on five continents. The work of the Church is administered by twenty-one active bishops, and nine General Officers who manage the departments of the Church.

God our Father ~ Christ Our Redeemer ~ The Holy Spirit Our Comforter ~ Humankind Our Family

Know Your AME History

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was started in 1787 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by a group of disinherited Americans whose forefathers came from Africa. The leader of this group was a 27-year-old "African," Richard Allen. At that time the word "African" was used to designate those persons whom we now call American Negroes or colored people.

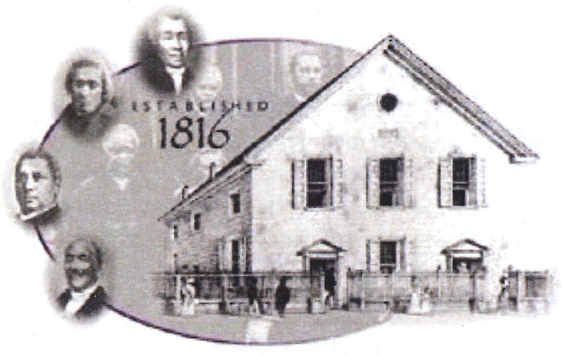
The movement to organize a church separated from the white people's church was started in response to the "Africans" need for opportunities for self-expression and fuller involvement in the service of worship of God, and in society as a whole. It was the answer to a cry for social recognition of human beings, and the means through which a group of people started on a program which gave them a growing sense of dignity and self-respect.

To foster this program Richard Allen considered it important to conduct night school classes in which his people could learn how to help themselves. Out of these night school classes has come the church's philosophy of education with its strong emphasis upon self-help. The general emphasis has not been significantly changed until this day. In addition to the educational program of the local church, which follows closely to the guidelines of the National Council of Churches, Division of Christian Education, the A. M. E. Church operates eleven institutions of higher education.

Most religious groups had their origin in some theological, doctrinal, or ideological dispute or concern. But the A. M. E. Church originated as a protest against the inhuman treatment which the helpless people at African descent were forced to accept from the white people belonging to the St. George M. E. Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This fact says to us that the organization of the A. M. E. Church was the result of racial discrimination rather than of any theological or doctrinal concern.

The A. M. E. Church is a member of the family of Methodist Churches. Its founder and first active bishop, Richard Allen, felt that no religious sect or denomination would suit the capacity of his people as well as did Methodism with its emphasis upon the plain and simple gospel which the unlearned could understand and its orderly system of rules and regulations which the under developed needed. He felt “Methodism” had what the "Africans" needed to encourage him to make progress and to worship God freely, and to fill every office for which he had the capability.

The "Africans" who started the A. M. E. Church were very poor and most of them could not read nor write. Yet, under the leadership of Richard Allen, they managed to buy an old blacksmith shop, and managed to move it to a lot at the corner of Sixth and Lombard Streets in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which they organized Bethel A. M. E. Church which stands today as one of the historic shrines of Philadelphia.



City of Bloomington, IL

1843 – Present

PROCLAMATION

175th Anniversary
Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church

WHEREAS, *Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church was established on October 21, 1843 by Reverend Paul Quin, Moses Bird a grave digger, Joseph Hobson a man of means, and James Hill who co-operated a barbershop founded the African Methodist Education Society and Church; and*

WHEREAS, *at 804 N. Center Street ground was broken for the church building. In 1990, Reverend Robert E. Harvey, brought vision, insight and energy to the church. His vision led him to encourage the congregation to relocate from 804 Center Street the original home to the current building located at 803 W. Olive, in Bloomington, Illinois; and*

WHEREAS, *On September 11, 2016 history was made when Bishop John Franklin White, Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District, assigned the first female pastor to Wayman AME Church, Reverend Dr. Brigitte A. Black; and*

WHEREAS, *Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church has provided religious, educational and recreational support and programming for children and adults in Bloomington for 175 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the oldest churches still in existence in McLean County today and supports many ministries in the community, and its' 65 plus members continue to honor and praise God.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *urge the Bloomington community to acknowledge the importance Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church has on its members' lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the heritage that has helped to shape the lives of the community.*

THEREFORE *I, Mayor Renner, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Illinois do hereby proclaim October 21, 2018, as*

"WAYMAN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH DAY"

Dated this 8th day of October 2018

Tari Renner
Mayor

Cherry L. Lawson
City Clerk

State of Illinois Proclamation

1843 – Present
HR1237
100th General Assembly
HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church on the occasion of its 175th anniversary on October 21, 2018; and WHEREAS, In 1836, Reverend Paul Quinn was assigned the task of expanding the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the western states; while on his journey, he became closely associated with the Underground Railroad; the churches and schooled he established became stops on the Underground Railroad; in 1843, he reached Bloomington, Illinois, and he met Moses Bird, Joseph Hobson, and James Hill, visionary and energetic African Americans who were ready to establish a place of worship; On January 16, 1847, the deed for the land was secured for $20.00, and a small-frame building was erected; and

WHEREAS, The first pastor, Reverend P.H. Ward, was a grocer in the community, and the congregation had 20 members; the school teacher was Matilda E. Davidson; in 1855, an itinerant circuit rider named Austin Woodford became the next pastor, and the congregation grew to 50 members; in 1859, the original building was moved and used as the parsonage; that same year, a new church was built; in 1860, Miss English supervised the school and, within six years, had 40 students; for the first years, the African Methodist Education Society was the only African American church in the community; the new church building was expanded in 1871, and the membership grew to over 100; in 1879, Reverend C.S. Jacobs became pastor; and WHEREAS, In 1880, Reverend Charles Spencer Smith was appointed pastor of the African Methodist Education Society; he believed that racial uplift was through religious education, and he developed a plan for a universal Sunday school literature that was adopted by a special Bishops Council in 1882; this was the humble beginning of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School Union, which later moved to Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, On January 26, 1910, the church was renamed the Wayman African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church; in 1918, the Bloomington National Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was formed, and the meetings were held at Wayman AMEC; through the years, Wayman was the church home to several pioneers in the Bloomington African American community; in 1970, Reverend Walter Walters became pastor, and he completed extensive remodeling; his quiet dignity, vision, and confidence did much to encourage a progressive effort; and WHEREAS, In August of 1978, Reverend David Jarrett, the newly assigned pastor, established a good rapport with the youth in town and at the church; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1990, Reverend Robert E. Harvey brought vision, insight, and energy to the church; he relocated the church from its original home on Center Street to the current building on West Olive; in 1993, the congregation celebrated 150 years of ministry in McLean County; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Reverend Nathan Dixon became the pastor: in preparation for hosting the Illinois Annual Conference, new windows were installed in the church and parsonage, the sanctuary was repaired, and new tile was added in the foyer; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Reverend Charles Orr was assigned, and under his leadership the mortgage was paid off and burned; additionally, he spearheaded a capital campaign to cover the cost of major renovations, maintenance, and repair; he served with distinction for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2016, history was made when Bishop John Franklin White, Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District, assigned Reverend Dr. Brigitte A. Black, the first female pastor, to Wayman AME Church; a new furnace was installed, and the church is embarking on a project that includes major repairs to the infrastructure and interior; therefore, be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church on the occasion of its 175th anniversary; and be it further RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church as an expression of our esteem and respect.

PASTORS HALL OF FAME

Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church
1843 – The Present

Phillip H. Ward	C W Smith
Austin Woodford	S B Jones
James Curtis	J W Oliver
Abram T Hall	N G Robinson
Joshua Mitchell	Edward King
Madison Paterson	W W Wright
Aenus McIntosh	J H Sydes
E C Joiner	C D Wiley
Daniel Winslow	I C Daniels
Peter C Cooper	C W Stratton
John W Malone	Newell Guy
S C Jacobs	G P Jones
H Simons	William Lawton
Charles Spencer Smith	Ira Burton
J F Dyson	Simeon Johnson
J B Dawson	N Boyd Patrick
Thomas A Clark	Walter Walters
H. DePugh	Thomas Elmore
P C Cooper	Jon Cummins
J. William H Jackson	Max T Taylor
George A Brown	Esau Williams
Harry Lackey	David Jarrett 1977-1980
William M Collins	Mordeau Williams1980-1981
James Johnson	Elmer Arnold 1981 - 1985
James J. Evans	Eugene Johnson
Jason Bundy	Robert Thorpe
Paul Yeager	Robert E Harvey 1990 – 1999
S. A. Hardison	Sam Sumner II 1999 – 2001
Henry Simons	Dr Nathan Dixon 2001 – 2005
Robert H. Cato	Charles Orr 2005 – 2016

Dr Brigitte Black 2016 - Present

Pastoral Excerpts

Bishop Charles Spencer Smith
1880 – 1887

Rev Dr Brigitte Black
2016 – Present

Rev Charles Orr
2005 – 2016

Rev Dr Nathan Dixon
2001 – 2005

Rev Sam Sumner II
1999 – 2001

Rev Robert E Harvey
1990 – 1999

Rev David Jarrett
1977 – 1980

Rev Walter Walters
1970 – 1976

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ANNIVERSARY

A.M.E.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

Birthplace:

WAYMAN A.M.E. CHURCH
Bloomington, Illinois

BISHOP CHARLES SPENCER SMITH
Organizer

WAYMAN A.M.E. CHURCH
Bloomington, Illinois

Sunday afternoon 3:00 p.m. 12 July 1963

MOTHER'S DAY
PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL OF VISITING CHOIRS

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (to be announced)

INVOCATION

WELCOME ADDRESS.....Bloomington (Wayman)

RESPONSE.....Lincoln (2nd Baptist)

SELECTION.....Bethel A.M.E. (Champaign)

SOLO.....Mrs. Sarah Nuckolls

SELECTION.....2nd Baptist (Lincoln)

SOLO.....Mrs. Dorothy Betts

MOTHER'S DAY MEDITATION (Sermonette).....
——Mrs. LaVerne Howard

INVITATION
SELECTION.....St. Paul A.M.E. (Springfield)

REMARKS by Guests of Honor...Rev. & Mrs. C. S. Smith, III

BENEDICTION*

Sunday, May 12, 1963

HONORED GUEST:
Rev. & Mrs. Chas. S. Smith, III
Evanston, Illinois

(Grandson of the late Bishop Smith)

SENIOR MEMBERS of Wayman A.M.E. Church

Bro. Eli Peirce

Bro. Alonzo Clark

Bro. Frank Harber

BIOGRAPHY

Bishop Smith was born in Colborne, Canada, March,16 1852, to Nehimiah Henry and Catherine Smith.

He received education in Bowmanville, Canada, and Central Tennessee College. His numerous occupations included being a furniture finishing apprentice, utility boy in New York, barbers porter in Chicago, where he was present when Gen. Grant was nominated for president, numerous jobs on boats on the Great Lakes, school teacher in Miss. and under the Freedmen's Bureau in Louisville, Ky., a student of medicine, and an active politican.

The A.M.E. Church in Jackson, Miss., in 1871 made him a licensed preacher, He became a Pastor in Pa. in 1878, after becoming an Ordained Elder, in 1876, in Nashville, Tenn..

He was transferred to Wayman A.M.E. Church, Bloomington, Ill, by the Annual Conference in 1880. The location of Wayman has never been changed. During his stay here, he formulated plans for the organizing of a Sunday School Union. His plan was presented to a special Bishops Council Session in 1882. Upon its formal approval he was appointed corresponding secretary-treasurer. The General Conference adopted the plans in 1884. The work he accomplished for the Sunday School Union during the 18 years of his connection with it is very well known.

Doc. Smith wed Christine Shbecraft, of Muncie, Ind. in 1888. From the fruit of this union was one child, Chas. Spencer Smith, II, the father of our honored guest. Christine Smith became well known for her Missionary endeavers.

In 1900, Doc. Smith was elected Bishop, presiding in the United States, Bermuda, Canada, and Africa.

Bishop Charles Spencer Smith

1880 -1887

Bishop Smith was born in Colborne, Canada on March 16, 1852 to Nehimiah Henry and Catherine Smith. He received an education in Bowmanville, Canada and Central Tennessee College. His numerous occupations included being a furniture finishing apprentice, utility boy in New York, barber's porter in Chicago (where he was present when Gen. Grant was nominated for president), numerous boat jobs on the Great Lakes, school teacher in Mississippi and under the Freedmen's Bureau in Louisville, Kentucky, medical student, and an active politician.

The A.M.E. Church in Jackson, MS made him a licensed preacher in 1871. He became a pastor in Pennsylvania in 1878, after becoming an Ordained Elder in 1876 in Nashville, Tennessee. He was transferred to Wayman A.M.E. Church, Bloomington, Illinois by the Annual Conference in 1880. He graduated from Meharry Medical, Dental & Pharmaceutical Department of Central Tennessee College in Nashville, TN in 1880. The furniture and location of Wayman had never been changed. During his stay in Bloomington, he formulated plans for the organizing of a Sunday School Union. He set up a printing press in the basement and published the "Jubilee Gem", the forerunner to the denominational Sunday Church School literature. His plan was presented to a special Bishops Council Session in 1882. Upon its formal approval he was appointed corresponding secretary-treasurer. The General Conference adopted the plans in 1884. The work he accomplished for the Sunday School Union during the 18 years of his connection is very well known.

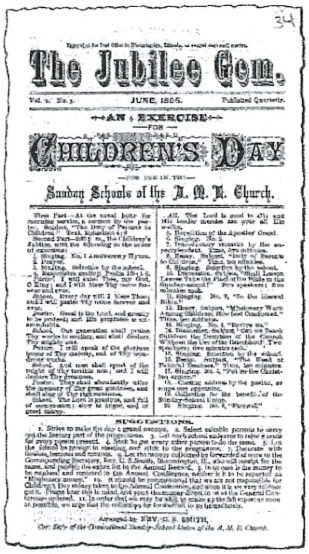
Dr. Smith wed Christine Shoecraft of Muncie, Indiana in 1888. From the fruit of this union was one child, Charles Spencer Smith II. Christine Smith became well known for her Missionary endeavors. In 1900, Smith became a bishop of the AME Church and was assigned to the Twelfth Episcopal District, which included the Ontario and Nova Scotia Provinces of Canada; Bermuda, the Windward Islands; and South America. Later that year, the Louisiana Conferences were also assigned to him. In 1904, he was reassigned to South Africa and two years later to West Africa. In 1908, Smith was assigned to the Georgia Conference and in 1912, he was assigned to the Texas Conference, before being reassigned to Canada and Bermuda along with Michigan in 1916. Smith traveled extensively, throughout the United States, and in the Caribbean, Europe and Africa, speaking at numerous conferences. He retired in 1920 from conference work and was appointed as the church historiographer.

The Church Community

McLean County African Americans strengthened their community and themselves soon after arriving through their church involvement. Reverend Paul Quinn, the circuit-riding minister who established many churches in the "West," began meeting with Bloomington's black community in 1843. The Wayman **African Methodist Episcopal** (A.M.E.) Church was established around 1846. The church building, on North Center Street, was finished in 1859 and enlarged in 1871.

Wayman A.M.E. Church

Charles Spencer Smith



The Jubilee Gem.

JUNE, 1884. Published Quarterly.

AN EXERCISE FOR CHILDREN'S DAY

FOR USE IN THE Sunday Schools of the A. M. E. Church.

The Reverend Charles Spencer Smith began publishing *The Jubilee Gem* from Bloomington, Illinois in the 1880s. The paper served A.M.E. Churches across the nation and is still published in Nashville, Tennessee.

Reverend Dr Brigitte A Black

2016 – Present

Reverend Dr. Brigitte Annette Black has pastored Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) in Bloomington, IL since September 11, 2016. Previously (beginning October 24, 2010), she pastored Bethel AMEC in Des Moines, IA. She pastored Coppin Chapel AMEC in Indianapolis, IN for 15 years. She has served as an overseas missionary to the 14th Episcopal District [which includes Ghana, Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, and Sierra Leone] from 1990 to 1991.

Reverend Dr. Black's vision for social, political and criminal justice includes restorative practices, mediation, and restorative justice circles. She is committed to reducing the disproportionate minority contacts with the criminal justice system. Together with the laity of Wayman AMEC we will work towards a more just Bloomington, IL for people of color.

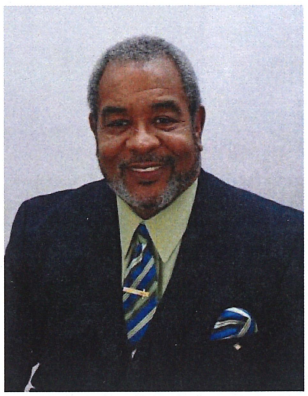
Born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Gary, Indiana, Reverend Dr. Black received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from Krannert School of Management at Purdue University and a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She completed a Doctorate of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Christian Theological Seminary. Her Doctorate of Ministry project was titled, "Class Leaders: Companioning Members through a Myriad of Losses." The focus of Reverend Black's study was training class leaders (small group leaders) to be effective grief caregivers.

She was a Field Education Supervisor at Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) for fourteen years. Reverend Dr. Brigitte A. Black was a Learning Consultant/Facilitator for the Indiana Clergy Peer Group Study Program.

Reverend Dr. Brigitte A. Black was Past President of the Board for Project Iowa and leader of the Juvenile Justice Research Team of A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS). Reverend Dr. Black conducts circles of justice, dismantling racism, and community transformation. She was a member of the school mediation and community mediation team. She was a teacher for the United Methodist School of Lay Ministry. She has taught "Black Christianity and Prophetic Politics" at Drake University. Dr. Black teaches the third-year studies class for the Illinois Conference Board of Examiners. She is the Director of Christian Education for the Illinois Annual Conference.

Reverend Charles Orr

2005 - 2016



The Reverend Charles Orr was born November 6, 1950 in St. Louis, MO but raised in Madison, IL. He is married to Mrs. Sylvia Diane Brumskin of Hampton, VA., and they have four children. He was baptized at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Madison, IL at a young age. Rev. Orr graduated from Madison High in 1968 and went into the Army where he served 19 months in the Republic of Vietnam as an Army medic and has also served as a Special Operations Officer (Green Beret).

Rev. Orr left active military service to pursue academic studies at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL, where in 1978 he earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Rev. Orr returned to active military service as an Officer (First Lieutenant), where he also earned a Master of Arts degree in Business Management from Webster University, Webster Groves, MO, in 1987. He completed his Master of Divinity requirements from Eden Theological Seminary in 2005. Rev Orr has also held several federal positions such as Criminal Investigator with the Internal Revenue Service and Auditor, with the U.S. Army Audit Agency.

He is a retired Army officer after 24 years. He retired from both the military service and U.S. Army Audit Agency to answer God's call to Ordained Christian Ministry, at Bethel A.M.E. Church under the ministry of the Rev. John Q. Owens. Rev. Orr was the proud pastor of Wilkerson Chapel A.M.E. Church in Collinsville, IL for six years; St. Luke A.M.E. in East St. Louis, IL for one year; and Wayman A.M.E. Church in Bloomington, IL for 11 years (2005 - 2016). He currently pastors Bethel A.M.E. Church in Des Moines, IA. Rev. Orr has also served as the Dean of the Illinois Conference, and Board of Examiners. Rev. Orr's one boast is that he really, really, really loves the Lord and loves to serve others.

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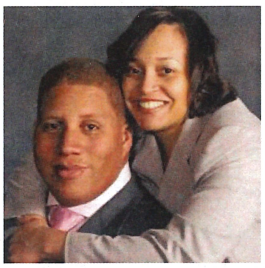
Reverend Dr Nathan Dixon

2001 – 2005



The Rev. Dr. Nathan A. Dixon, born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, began his ministry journey at St. James AME Church, Chicago, Illinois; the church where he grew up and ultimately gave his life to Jesus. At the age of 14, Dr. Dixon, accepted his call into ministry, and began the process of becoming an ordained itinerant elder in the AME Church. He served as youth pastor and was ordained an Itinerant Deacon, while a senior in High School, 1993. Having graduated high school, he went on to pursue his baccalaureate degree at Chicago State University, where he majored in Psychology. He was ordained an Itinerant Elder in 1997, and graduated college, December 1997. He went on to pursue his Masters of Divinity degree at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, graduating in June 2001, with a concentration in Preaching & Psychology of Religion. He continued to serve as the Youth and Young-Adult Pastor at St. James AME Church, until he received his first pastoral appointment.

He was assigned to pastor Wayman AME Church, Bloomington, IL on October 20, 2001. He showed up the next day (October 21, 2001) at the age of 26, with his fiancé, Rolanda M. Love, and his parents by his side ready to serve. With the help of great church leaders, Dr. Dixon served the people of Wayman from 2001 – 2005. Following the 4th District Planning Meeting, it was during Bible Study, that Dr. Dixon received a call from Bishop Philip R. Cousin, Sr., that he was being assigned to serve the people of Trinity AME Church, Lansing, MI. Dr. Dixon went on to serve the people of Trinity AME Church, Lansing, MI from 2005 – 2011. During his tenure there, Dr. Dixon went on to pursue his Doctor of Ministry degree at The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. It was during his tenure at Trinity where Dr. Dixon wrestled with whether to remain a part of the AME Church, after being baptized with the Holy Spirit at Camp Baber during the 4th District Ministerial Retreat.

In 2011, Dr. Dixon was assigned to pastor First Community AME Church, where he remained for one year. It was during his time there that he denounced his affiliation and membership with Freemasonry and his affiliation to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Bishop John R. Bryant requested that Dr. Dixon consider coming back home to Chicago to serve a church, or consider taking a church in Detroit, MI or Minneapolis, MN. After much prayer, Dr. Dixon made the decision to leave the AME Church, surrendering his ministerial orders. Dr. Dixon currently resides in a suburb of Grand Rapids, MI with his lovely wife Rolanda M. Love-Dixon, who currently serves as a Registered Nurse at University of Michigan Metro Health, and they have two children, Makenzie Carrington Dixon, 11 and Josiah Nathaniel Dixon, 10. Dr. Dixon continues to serve in ministry as an apostolic and prophetic leader with The Point Church, and works for Farmers Insurance as a Senior Service Advocate.

Congratulations to Wayman AME Church as you celebrate this historic anniversary. I am forever grateful to each of you for allowing my wife and me to serve you. Thank you for loving my wife and me, and for allowing us in our youth to serve a great church. Continue to blaze trails for Jesus Christ!

Reverend Samuel K. Sumner II

1999 – 2001

Rev Samuel K. Sumner II pastored Wayman AME Church from 1999 – 2001. He is currently the Assistant Director of University Outreach and Engagement at Texas Tech University, joining the department in July 2018. In his position, Sam works under the supervision of the Vice Chancellor. Sam's primary duties are to assist with the development of Outreach and Engagement initiatives and to cultivate external community partnerships in collaboration with the Texas Tech faculty, staff and students.

Sam has worked with community partnerships for over 25 years throughout the US. Prior to joining Texas Tech, Sam was the Director of Emergency Services at the Tempe Community Action Agency where he provided direct oversight and management for the Community Action Programs including homeless prevention and services, health programming, food security programming, unemployed and under-employment solutions. Sam also served as the Homeless Programs Manager. Through his roles at Tempe Community Action Agency, Sam partnered with Valley of the Sun United Way, various City of Tempe Departments and a host of area non-profits including over 40 faith-based organizations.

Sam also served as a minister in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, and Arizona. He developed new ministries, outreach concepts, initiatives and community partnerships to impact the surrounding communities. Some of the partners included State Farm Insurance Company, University of Illinois, Illinois State University, Arizona State University, University of Utah, Metro East Homeless Commission, the City of Phoenix, Area Agency on Aging, and the Phoenix MLK Celebration Committee.

Sam graduated from Morgan State University with a Bachelor of Arts and acquired a Master of Divinity from Payne Theological Seminary. He earned a Certificate in Executive Non-Profit Leadership from the Arizona State University Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation. Sam and his wife Dr. Carol A. Sumner have three children.

Reverend Robert E Harvey

1990 - 1999

Robert Harvey was born November 9, 1958 in Decatur, Illinois. He was educated in the Illinois Public School System. In high school, he played football and wrestled.

He is married to Mary Henderson and they are blessed with three children Anthony, Jayson and Whitney. He worked at Logan Correctional Center for 6 years as a prison guard. When he left he had been promoted to lieutenant. In the Decatur Police Department (Decatur, Illinois) he was a patrol officer for 11 years where he was promoted to sergeant after 6 years on the street. He was the first black officer, and the youngest officer (years of service and age) to be promoted above the rank of officer for the city of Decatur. He commanded the undercover unit for 4 years.

While he was still in college he filled in for the pastors of Allen AME Church in Lincoln and 2nd Baptist Church of Lincoln from 1978-1983. He was the Associate Youth Minister at Christ Temple Apostolic Church in Lincoln during the same time frame. He returned to Decatur, Illinois in 1983 as Assistant Pastor at St. Peters AME Church. In 1990, Rev. Harvey was assigned to Wayman AME Church in Bloomington, Illinois until 1999 when he was then assigned to Robinson Community AME Church in Indianapolis, Indiana as Senior Pastor. While in Decatur, Illinois he ran the Summer Park Mentoring Program for disadvantaged youth, volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club, was a NAACP Youth Advisor, and served with the council for Drug Free America. In Bloomington, Illinois he was involved with One Church One Child, Citizens Advisory Board of National City Bank, Board of Trustees at Bromenn Hospital, and was appointed and elected by Mayor Markowitz to the Human Relations Council of Bloomington, Illinois. In his spare time, he is an avid reader, and is a sports enthusiast, including golf.

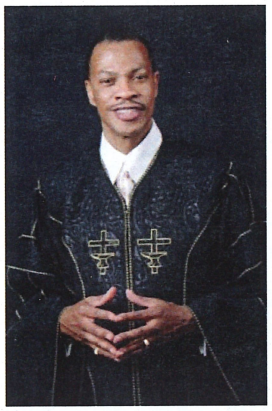
Reverend Harvey's educational accomplishments include attending Lincoln Christian College in Lincoln, IL majoring in Christian Ed and his minor was Ministries; attending Lincoln Christian Seminary Divinity Program; attending Richland Community College, where his major was Criminal Justice; and attending State of IL Criminal Enforcement Agency majoring in Law Enforcement.

Reverend Harvey's Ministerial Life began with his first (1st) sermon at the age of 16 years old at St. Peter's in Decatur, IL and his first (1st) Annual Conference at the age of 17 years old at St. Luke in East St. Louis at Youth Night. He served as the Illinois Conference Christian Education Director under Bishop Mayo. Reverend Harvey ran numerous revivals throughout Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Michigan and was inducted into the Who's Who of Outstanding American Youth in 1978. Pastor Harvey was ordained in 1981 in Des Moines, Iowa by the late Bishop Hubert N. Robinson. While in Bloomington, Illinois he was the President of the Ministers Alliance from 1992-1995. Robert E. Harvey served as pastor of Wayman AME Church from 1990 – 1999.

While at Robinson Community AME Church he was elected Vice-President of the Indianapolis Area Ministers Alliance of AME Churches. In 2001 was elected President of the Indianapolis Area Ministers Alliance of AME Churches. In 2013, after much prayer and consultation with members, family, and mentors, Pastor Harvey and 90 % of the congregation left the denomination and Started New Zion Community Church. He has now Pastored this Congregation for 5 years during which we have witnessed tremendous growth and experienced God's leading hand.

Reverend David R. Jarrett, Sr.

1977 - 1980



Rev. David R. Jarrett, Sr. has served the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church for over forty years. He was called to ministry in 1972. In 1975, he was ordained Itinerant Deacon in the AME Church. In 1977, he was ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a leader who uses fairness and equality as inspiration. He is a firm believer that we should try to help people become established while bringing all community resources that are available to help them achieve first-class status. Rev. Jarrett received his Associate of Arts from Black Hawk College in 1979. In 1981, he received his Bachelors of Science from ISU. In 1989, he graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary. He currently attends United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH.

Since 1974, Rev. Jarrett has served as pastor of 9 AME Churches. In 1991, Rev. Jarrett was appointed pastor at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, while there, a new roof was installed, an organ and piano were purchased, the pastor's office was relocated and renovated, and the church was blessed with an anonymous donation of carpeting for the sanctuary, vestibule, and hall. During Rev. Jarrett's tenure at First Community AME Church (FCAC), they made a major purchase of several homes in the neighborhood on James St. in an effort to help beautify and clean up the abandoned properties. Rev Jarrett delivered remarks at the funeral of Rev. Lyman Parks, the first African American Mayor of Grand Rapids, MI in 2009. Under his leadership, the church's nurses' guild established a medication assistance program that helps people who can't afford to purchase their prescription medication. First Community AME also financially supported an annual luncheon for a Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage workshop as well as estate planning workshops.

Rev. David R. Jarrett, Sr. was a founding Board Member of the Police Chief Advising Team, has served as a member of Police Chief's Advisory Committee in Grand Rapids, MI, served as a member of the Founding Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Danville, IL; served as Co-Founder of the Danville Minority Council, and served on the State of Illinois "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Council". Rev. Jarrett was appointed by the Mayor of Clinton, IA to the Concerned Citizens of Clinton and served as the past President of NAACP, Clinton, IA as well as on the Iowa State Human Rights Commission and the Human Rights Commission in Bloomington, IL.

During his career, Rev. Jarrett has been the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award of Danville, IL in 1986; the Michigan Annual Conference Pastor of the Year Award in 1992; and was honored on the Dean's list at Black Hawk College. He was elected to Who's Who among American Junior Colleges. In 2010, Rev. Jarrett received the H.C. Toliver Religious Life Award. He attributes his leadership to knowing the Rev. Lyman Parks. After Rev. Parks passing, Rev. Jarrett felt the mantle had fallen on him to try to be a leader for the community. He champions the underdog and endeavors to reach people where they are and bring a oneness to people. His motto is Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. His goal is to enrich the human condition and spread the word of God to all peoples. Currently, Rev. Jarrett is appointed to Bethel AME Church in Detroit, MI and has pastored there since 2013

Reverend Walter Walters

1970-1976

The Rev. Walter L. Walters, II is known to many as "Preacher Man". Pastor Walters has been in ministry, mostly in the African Methodist Episcopal church for 65 years. Answering the call to preach at the age of 19, Pastor Walters can boast 56 years of active ministry before his retirement in 2009. Pastor Walters served in the Illinois, Chicago, and Indiana Conferences of the AME Church. He also served as Presiding Elder in the South District of the Illinois Conference.

Pastor Walters is driven by a passion for the "least of these." While living out his call, Pastor Walters has engaged in service to many communities. Working with organizations such as Boy Scouts of America; Boys Club of Anderson IN; Buley Community Center of Muncie, IN; United Senior Action; the Martindale Brightwood Community Development Center in Indianapolis, IN; and is a lifetime member of the NAACP. Additionally, Pastor Walters is the founder of the Indiana One Church One Child program, a statewide faith-based adoption initiative. As a Pastor, Rev. Walters created SAT Prep programs, teen peer dialogue groups, day care centers and summer camp programs for youth throughout Central Indiana.

A lifetime champion of Civil Rights, Pastor Walters established policy and guidelines for Bloomington, IL civil rights programs, and served as the first Civil Rights Director for the City of Elkhart, IN. As a young man, Rev. Walters served in the U.S. Army and National Guard for 15 years. Pastor Walters' military service includes being in active service during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. In addition to the brotherhood of Christ, Pastor Walters is a member of the American Legion, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Constantine Consistory.

Among his many awards and citations is the Key to the City of Elkhart, IN. Pastor Walters is a graduate of Lincoln Institute in Shelby County, KY, and also holds an Honorary Doctorate. Never a stranger in the house of the Lord, Rev. Walters is an active member of Fresh Fire AME Church in Kalamazoo, MI.

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Sankofa Celebration

Remembering Our Past to Strengthen Our Future

Order of Service

Drum Call ..... *Garry Moore*

Prayer

Scripture ..... *Isaiah 43:19*

Proclamation .....*Representative Dan Brady*

Solo ..... *Voices of Praise*

Poem ..... *The People Who Were Enslaved*

Song ..... *Yemaya, Song of the Ocean*

Song ..... *How Can We Sing In A Strange Land?*

Celebrate with Instruments ..... *Call and Response*

Celebration in Dance ..... *Dr Ama Oforiwaa Aduonum*

Solo ..... *Sis. Tonya Davis*

The House

Solo .....*Rev Lyndetta Alsberry*

Offering ..... *All*

Jemola ..... *The Story of The Boy Who Thought He Was Ugly*

Community Dance.....*All*

Closing

Sankofa Committee.....*Sharla Ajayi, Delilah Johnson, & Rev Dr Brigitte A Black*

175th Anniversary Service

Order of Worship
A Jubilant Journey
October 21, 2018
3:30 PM

Processional

Opening Hymn ..... *#97, We Praise Thee, O God*

Praise & Worship..... *All*

Prayer ..... *Reverend Lyn Morris*

Scripture..... *Isaiah 43:15-19 (NIV) ~ Sister Cynthia Carter*

War Cry – Break Every Chain ..... *Reverend Lyndetta Alsberry*

Statement of Occasion ..... *Sister Sharla Ajayi*

Reading of Proclamation..... *Sade Ajayi, Kamille Harvey*

Song of Praise..... *Voices of Praise*

Offering..... *All*

Introduction of the Preacher ..... *Sister Leontyne Golden*

Songs of Praise ..... *Choir*

The Preached Word ..... *Reverend Robert Harvey*

Invitation of Christian Discipleship..... *Reverend Robert Harvey*

Closing Prayer and Blessing of the Meal ..... *Reverend Dr Brigitte A. Black*

Benediction ..... *Reverend Robert Harvey*

Recessional ..... *We've Come This Far by Faith*

Thank You For Celebrating This Jubilant Journey With Us

CONGRATULATIONS Wayman AMEC, you have been blessed on your 175th year journey. May God continue to bless you for you have been a blessing to many!

The Black's

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Our Hope is

that you continue to spread Christ's love, provide service to the community and be a blessing to all.

The Kaigler's

Congratulations Wayman AME Church

Celebrating 175 Years

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Blessed to have been a part of

Wayman's Jubilant Journey

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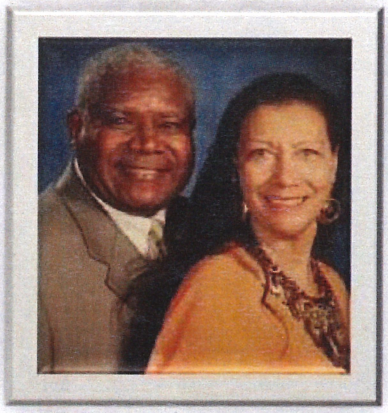

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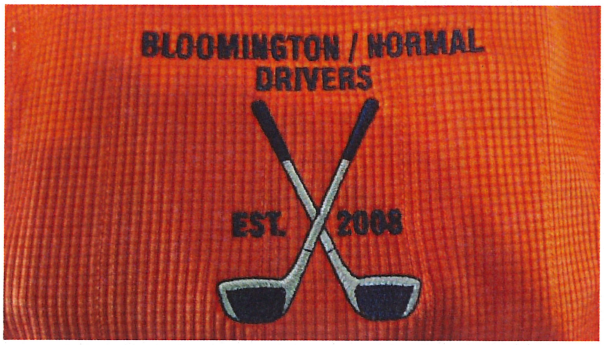

May God continue to bless Wayman AMEC!

A Jubilant Journey!
Celebrating 175 years, 1843-2018

The Golden's

Leontyne, Demetri, Chandra, Dante & Drake

John and Stephanie Hammond

Wish you all the best as you celebrate 175 Years in Bloomington, IL!!

Happy 175th Anniversary Wayman AME Church

Wayman AME Church – WMS & YPD

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Celebrating 175 years, 1843-2018...

WMS Called, Committed, Compelled to Serve.
Members: Leontyne Golden, Lorraine Loving, Rachel Robinson.

Grow, Glow, Go for Christ

Leaders: Rev. Lyn Morris, Rev. Lyndetta Alsberry

Youth: Alayna, Aleeya, Alexya, Alilah, Ariela, Arissa, Brielle, Caleb, Cayden, Daja, Dante, Dayqwon, Drake, Gerrand (JoJo), Jasmine, Jazmyn, Kalani, Kaleb, Kaliyah M, Kaliyah H, Kamille, Karcin, Karyss, Keyontae, Keegan, Kenede, Kenney, Komari (KoKo), Lara, Marqus, Miles, Sade, Shaia, Talisa, Xavier.

Congratulations Wayman AME Celebrating Your 175th Anniversary

[19] See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.
Isaiah 43:19

Cynthia J. Carter & Family
Komari V. Blount (Koko)
Gerrand M. A. James (Jojo)
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Wayman AME Church – Lay Organization

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for the things He has done.

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May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity, that we may live together, not as man over man, but as Lay persons working with God.

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Lay members: Aritha Garrison, Cleo & Esaw Peterson, Cynthia J. Carter, Deb Gant, Delilah Johnson, Ky Ajayi, Leonard Bell, Lorraine Hightower (Emeritus), Lorraine Loving, Marc & Ruth Welch, Rachel Robinson, Roddy Lynch.

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I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth

Psalm 34:1

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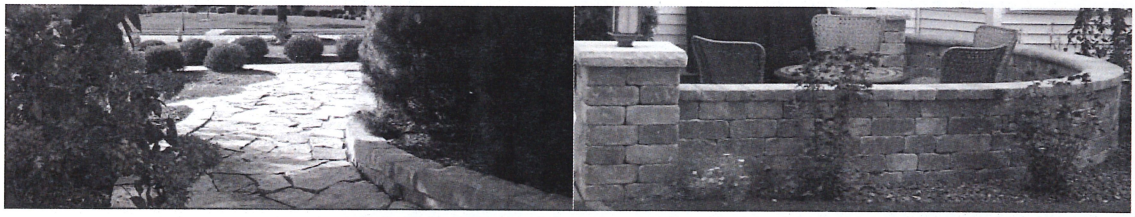

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WAYMAN AME CHURCH – "A JUBILANT JOURNEY"

1843 - 2018

175TH. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

AGAPE' DANCE CENTER – Wayman AME Church - Dance Praise Team

Agape' Dance Center President – Brother Charles Alsberry

Artistic Director – Rev. Lyndetta Alsberry

Congratulations Wayman 175th Anniversary

Sis. Deb Gant and Family

Congratulations Wayman AME Church on your 175th Anniversary!!

~Carolyn's Creation's~

Carolyn Thomas

2821 Huntington Rd., Bloomington, IL. 61704

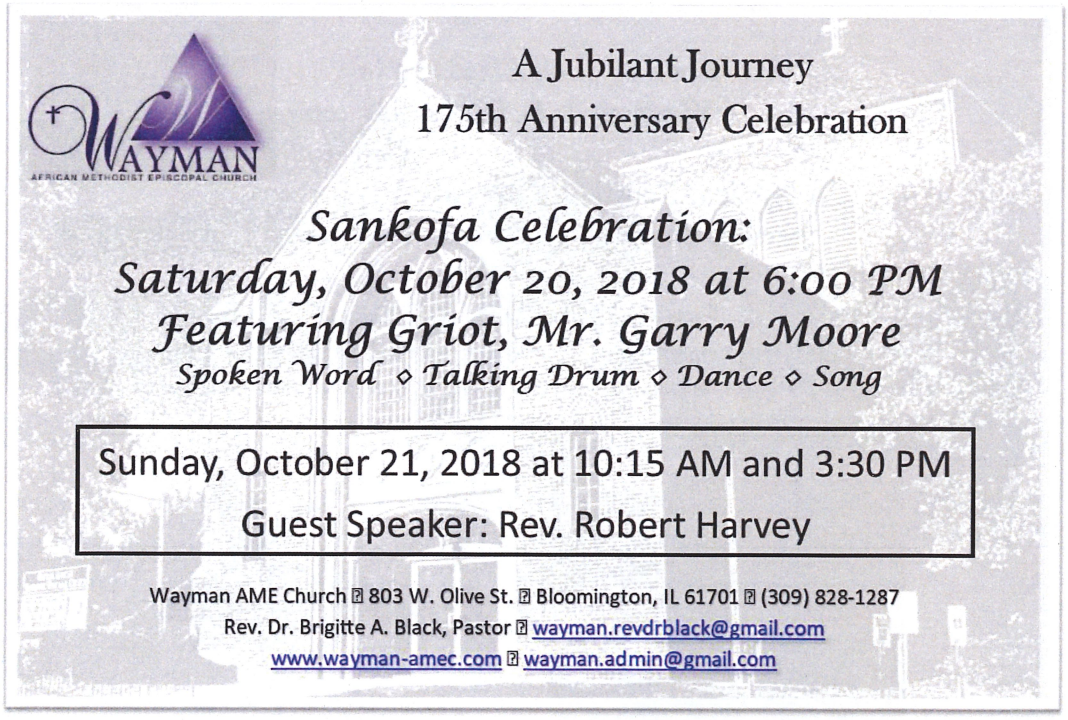
Join us for my **"Holiday Open House"** ...Something for everyone!

~Snowmen, Holiday Decor, Wreaths, and much more~

When:

Sat., November 3rd, - 8 am to 4 pm Sun., November 4th, - 10 am to 3 pm

Mon., November 5th, 9 am to 5 pm Tues, November 6th, 9 am to 5 pm



CONGRATULATIONS, WAYMAN!!

175th Anniversary

ST. PETER AME CHURCH
515 S. CHURCH ST.
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Rev. Vivian D. Clarington, Pastor

More of God's Blessings to
Wayman A.M.E. Church

A Jubilant Journey, Celebrating 175 years
serving Bloomington-Normal community

Eve Chapter #21 O.E.S.

Emily Bell, Reland Carter, Linda Foster, Leontyne Golden,
Rosie Knox, Regina Johnson, Brenda Joyner, Rebecca Welch. Not pictured Renee Moore,

The Tin Man needed a Heart

The Scarecrow needed a BRAIN

RHONDA needs a KIDNEY

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IT'S YOUR TIME

Wayman AME Church

Time to Celebrate
A
Jubilant Journey

1843 – Present

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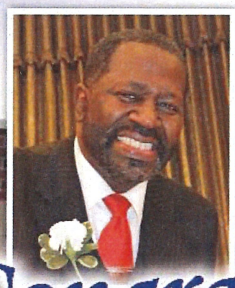
Happy 175th Anniversary
Wayman AME Church

Congratulations

Wayman A.M.E Church

On Your

175th Anniversary



Congratulations
from
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
to the Wayman AME Church on your
175th Anniversary!

Exalt The Savior

Equip The Saints

Evangelize the Sinner

Mount Pisgah Baptist Church

"We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight."

Reverend Frank L. McSwain, Sr., Pastor

Sunday Worship Services - 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Pressing Forward With Purpose – Philippians 3:13-14

Come celebrate with us at our:

Annual Women's Day Service
Sunday, 10/14/18 @ 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Church Anniversary
Sunday, 11/4/2018 @ 10:00 a.m.

Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, 12/1/18 @ 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Wayman Warriors Arise

As We

Celebrate 175 Years

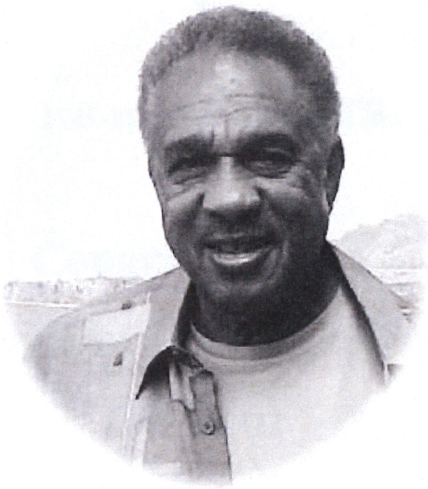
In

Bloomington, IL

Of

McLean County

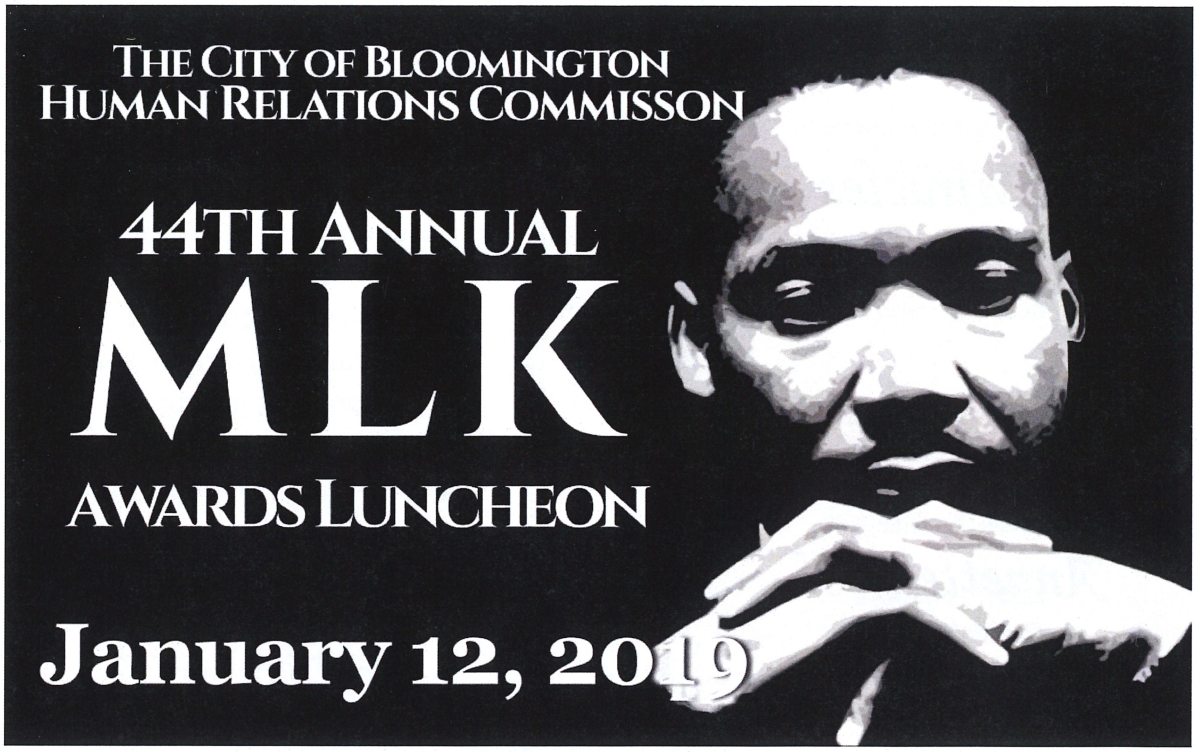
Congratulations
Wayman AME Church
Celebrating 175 Years
Roddy Lynch



A Jubilant Journey

3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)



Save the date

The mission of the Human Relations Commission is to foster tolerance and mutual respect through education and public awareness programs. The primary responsibility of the Commission is to eliminate unlawful discrimination within the City of Bloomington

Patrons

Hair Miracles IV

Annette Cobb
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Congratulations Wayman AME
On Your 175th Anniversary!

5 Trust in the LORD
with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths
straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Rachel Robinson
Church Administrator

Congratulations Wayman AME Celebrating Your 175th Anniversary

Delilah Johnson
Ahmad Williams
Dara Williams

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Mr Wayman

&

Rev Jean L Harding

Patrons

Wayman AME Church
Adult & Youth Ushers

Carolyn Thomas – Ministry Leader
Donna Glover
Kamille Harvey
Kenney Harvey
Chianita Harrell
Marshall Howard
Delilah Johnson
Jasmine Loving
Cleo Peterson
Karcin Roth
Kristal Tetter
Ruth Welch

Wayman AME Church
Stewardesses

Leontyne Golden – Ministry Leader

Rachel Robinson

Wayman AME Church
Historians

Charles Alsberry

Leontyne Golden

Wayman AME Church
Stewards

Roddy Lynch – Pro-Tem

Cynthia J Carter

Aritha Garrison

Cleo Peterson

Rachel Robinson

Howard Thomas

Esaw Peterson (Emeritus)

Dr Corsandra Stallworth (Emeritus)

Wayman AME Church
Trustees

Emily Bell – Pro-Tem
Ky Ajayi
Charles Alsberry
Deborah Gant
Delilah Johnson
Nate Pigee
Carolyn Thomas
Marshall Howard (Emeritus)

Memorials

How Time Flies – Feb 22, 2014

25 years ago

Feb. 22, 1989:

Foster homes for black children remain in short supply, according to DCFS. But Howard and Elaine Bell of 1314 W. Taylor St. have taken in black foster children for years now. It's estimated they have been foster parents to at least 50 kids and maybe as many as 75.

Pantagraph

Our Loving Parents

Babatunde Ajayi

and

Benjamin & Charlotte Brown

The Ajayi Family

In Loving Memory

James Anderson

Aritha Garrison

Honoring

Howard Bell

Merlin Kennedy

Wayman AME Church

Memorials

In Loving Memory

Rev Carl & Marcella Sexton

The Thomas Family

In Loving Memory

Howard & Jeuril Thomas

The Thomas Family

In Loving Memory

Mr Miles Tetter Sr

The Tetter Family

In Loving Memory

Rev Ralph Jones

The Tetter Family

Memorials

Remembering

Leon & Tyna Bell

Leontyne Golden

Remembering

Roger & Dorothy Gunter

Eloise Walton

Mrs. Mable Garland

Brian Beaulieu

Beulah Kennedy

Wayman AME Church

Remembering

Nevada Bonds

Floyd & Grace Bonds

Paul H Ward

Shane Friedman-Howard

Caribel Washington

Wayman AME Church

Remembering

Kathryn Dean

Gwen Samuels

Harvey Washington

Jasper Simmons

Benjamin Brown

Wayman AME Church

Memorials

Remembering

Sol & Louise Moore

Elsie Stanfill

Robert Moore

Anna Henderson

Wayman AME Church

Remembering

Rev Arthur & Jewel Beale

John Arthur Washington

Judy Davis

Elaine Bell

Wayman AME Church

Remembering

LaShon Hastings

Bernyce Bell-Taylor

Roxie Johnson

Wayman AME Church

How Time Flies – Sep 23, 2018

25 years ago

Sept. 23, 1993:

The Wayman AME church is celebrating its 150th anniversary next month. Founded by a circuit-riding preacher, it is the oldest black congregation in Bloomington. And, despite a move last month, it was also in one location longer than any other local church.

Pantagraph

Memory Lane

McLean County, Illinois History

The Bloomington-Normal Black History Project was founded in 1982 and its collections span the 19th and 20th centuries. The collection contains photographs, portraits, booklets, articles, and photocopies related to club organizations and churches of the local Black community. In 1989, the Black History Project was affiliated with the McLean County Historical Society, which now serves as a repository for the project's collections.

http://www.mchistory.org/research/resources/blackhistory/

Bloomington-Normal IL Black History Project

Origins of the Bloomington-Normal Black History Project

By: Mark Wyman, Ph.D (professor, Illinois State University)

From the arrival of the first African-Americans in McLean County, Illinois, in 1835, until the present, the Bloomington-Normal community has been influenced in its development by the activities of its black citizens. But the story of that influence, of the many ways that African-Americans participated in the life of what became a thriving Central Illinois commercial and educational center, was seldom acknowledged. Their experiences lived on as memories, brought out at family reunions, almost unmentioned in local historical accounts.

Howard Bell's Graduating Class-1937

Memory Lane

Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Annual Convention, Bloomington 1918

The Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs held its nineteenth convention in Bloomington in late August 1918. Seen here are convention goers gathered before Wayman African Methodist Episcopal (Wayman A.M.E. Church) Church at 804 N. Center St. The banner reads: "Loyalty to Women and Justice to Children."

Wayman Church is now located on the city's west side, 803 W. Olive St. The building shown here is now Faith Baptist Church.

https://www.flickr.com/photos/mcleancountymuseumofhistory/33562431225/

Illinois Federation of Colored Women

HISTORIC WAYMAN AME CHURCH

The A.M.E. Church was organized in Bloomington-Normal In 1843 on October 10th.

Reverend William Paul Quinn, Moses Bird, Joseph Hobson, and J.W. Hill founded the African Methodist Episcopal Education Society and Church.

The first building cost $300.00.

Home of The Original Wayman African American Episcopal (AME) Church

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